

REMARKS

New Claims 22 and 23 have been added. New Claim 22 includes all of the limitations of previous Claims 1, 2, and 10. Claims 11, 13, and 14, which were originally dependent upon Claim 10, are now dependent upon new Claim 22. New Claim 23 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 17, 19, and 20. Claim 21, which was originally dependent upon previous Claim 20, is now dependent upon new Claim 23.

Claims 1 through 10 and 17 through 20 have been cancelled, since it is believed that the balance of the claims remaining in this application after amendment adequately protect the Applicant's invention.

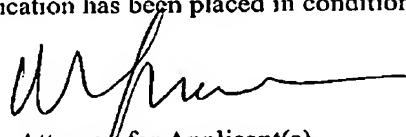
Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims remaining in this application after amendment and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 10 through 16 and 20 through 21, though being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant's attorney respectfully submits that new Claims 22 and 23 meet the aforementioned criteria.

Claims 11, 13, and 14, which had been dependent upon a Claim 10 have now been made dependent upon new Claim 22. Claim 21 which had been dependent upon Claim 20 is now dependent upon new Claim 23.

The Applicant's attorney has reviewed the prior art made of record and not relied upon to Janke et al. 5,448,491 and Tamechike et al. 5,712,572 but does not believe that these references operate to preclude the allowance of any claim remaining in this application after amendment.

Since it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully requested.



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